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TO THE
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In a Letter from a Secluded Member of Parlia-
ment to a Gentleman in London.

S I R,

Fortune assists the bold; this you need not travel so far as *Florence* to experiment, seeing our great Officers of Safety stagger at noise. Had your City Magistrates been confident of their own Authority and Strength, the Iron Gate had opened, and these Incubators which affrighted them had vanished. Your City, as *Maistre de Rohan* said of *England*, is a Beast indomitable, which provoked, and cannot be destroyed by itself, having now besides the *Magazine of Arms*, *Money*, and *Ships* (the *Elements of War*) that Authority which others want, with the Concurrence of all the *Princes*, *Properly* *common* *Princes*. All that can be required to a happy Issue, consists under God in your Resolution to Defend your selves, and trust to your own Courage: all other Parties are onely Factions, and you the Umpire. It lies now in your own Man- nage to break the Yoak, and by gaining your own Liberty, to set us Free. If you joyn with any particular Interest, you yield the Cause, and suffer them to ride you for their own business, changing your Masters not your Bondage. If you keep your Swords in your Hands, and your Money in your Purfes, the very Tax, Excize, and Custom which you may spare, will bear your charge and tire your Opposers. Above all, sus- pect Cajoles; Treaties are yet new to you, and dangerous to the best experienced, having to doe with Men that hold no Faith: Oaths and Promises in such a Juncture serve onely to delude the Credulous, and gain easie secure Victories: He that trusts not cannot be deceived. The yielding any Point in Treaty makes way for new Demands, and doth encourage hope to overcome. You will finde it most safe and Honourable to insist upon a Free Parliament, and take in the considerable Vote of the Nation, without relying upon Soul- diers of Fortune, whose Trade is to perpetuate the War, and their Livelihood to eat up the industrious. I wish you the Honour to oblige that Thanks which the Peoples Deliverance may challenge. So rests,

Your Faithfull Friend to serve you.

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